

# **JONESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

## **AGENDA**

**1.) CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2.) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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**3.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**(TAB 1)**

June 27, 2016 and July 25, 2016 special meetings.

**4.) CONTINUED DISCUSSION – WATER RATES**

As discussed at a recent workshop meeting, the Town water department needs to average collections of approximately \$65,000 monthly to cover our budgeted expenses. Our current rates are projected to be 7.25% lower than needed to reach this amount. As requested at the workshop staff has prepared several rate options for the Council to consider that we believe would address the shortfall.

**NOTES:**

- The Town of Jonesville water system has approximately 1,300 customers.
- The Town's current rate structure is a \$20.00 base fee which covers the first 2,000 gallons per month usage and each additional 1,000 gallons is \$6.50.

- About 600 customers (46% of total customers) use less than 2,000 gallons per month. These customers generate about 25% of total water revenues monthly at present rate structure.
- About 550 customers (42% of total customers) use between 2,000 and 5,000 gallons per month. This class of customer generates about 31% of total water revenues monthly at present rate structure.
- About 95 customers (7% of total customers) use between 5,000 and 50,000 gallons per month. This class of customer generates about 29% of total water revenues monthly at present rate structure.
- 10 to 15 customers (about 1% of total customers) use more than 50,000 gallons per month. This class of customer generates about 15% of total water revenues monthly at present rate structure.
- The base fee currently collects about \$26,000 per month and excludes about \$21,500 per month from the volumetric charge.
- The water system needs to collect on average about \$65,000 per month to reach self sufficiency and sustainability as directed by the NC Local Government Commission.

#### RATE OPTIONS:

- A.) Increase base fee (maintain base usage at 2,000 gallons) by \$2.00 per month and increase volumetric rate by \$1.00 to \$7.50 per 1,000
- B.) Maintain volumetric rate at \$6.50 per 1,000, eliminate base usage included in base fee (all usage is billed at volumetric rate) - base fee could be reduced to about

\$15.00

- C.) Reduce base usage to 1,000 gallons per month and base fee to \$15.00 per month (only 1,000 gallons included in base fee, all other usage counted in volumetric rate)

Additional usage of approximately 935,000 gallons monthly would be included in the volumetric rate. Volumetric rate would need to increase by about \$1.85 per 1,000 gallons from \$6.50 to \$8.35 per 1,000.

- D.) Reduce base usage to 1,000 gallons per month and maintain base fee at \$20.00 per month (only 1,000 gallons included in base fee, all other usage counted in volumetric rate)

Additional usage of approximately 935,000 gallons monthly would be included in the volumetric rate. Volumetric rate would need to increase by about \$1.35 per 1,000 gallons from \$6.50 to \$7.85 per 1,000.

- E.) Increase base usage to 4,000 gallons per month and increase base fee to \$40.00 per month. Keep volumetric rate at \$6.50 per 1,000.

5.) **CONTINUED DISCUSSION – OLD TOWN HALL**

Town staff has checked with the previous low bidder and confirmed the bid of \$23,000 to demolish the old Town Hall building is still good. Prior to actual demolition the Town will need to complete the disposal of any remaining personal property, possibly by way of a public auction, and the relocation of all Town records being stored within the building. The building will also need to be surveyed for asbestos and/or other hazardous substances with any such disposed of appropriately prior to demolition.

If the Council desires to move forward with demolition it may direct the Town staff to begin taking the above listed steps in order to facilitate the process.

6.) **AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER SUPPLEMENTAL DENTAL BENEFIT** (TAB 2)

**7.) ZACCHAEUS LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT** (TAB 3)

Zacchaeus has performed reliably thus far and staff recommends that the Town continue utilizing their services.

**8.) RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY (TAB 4)**

**9.) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (TAB 5)

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